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The first year of the existence of the Home has been one of great hardship for the poor; and in the midst of so many and so great demands upon the generous public, the founders of this institution may well feel grateful for so large a share of that liberal bounty which in our noble city never ceases to flow into the channels of philanthropy. And it is with mingled feelings of pride and gratitude, that this first annual report is presented to the friends and patrons of the institution.

As a record of achievement, it will compare favorably with that of the beginning of any other similar charity in the land; yet it should be read rather in the light of an earnest, a prophecy of the greater work of the future, which with the blessing of Providence, and the sympathetic co-operation of the good people of Saint Louis will be accomplished. A comparison

with the first year's work of the first and oldest institution of like character in this country,—the "News Boys Lodging House," organized by the "Children's Aid Society" of New York City, will not be without interest.

This Lodging House first occupied two rooms in the sixth story of the then New York "Sun," building, situated on the corner of Nassau and Fulton Streets, and opened its doors to the street waifs, twenty-three years since. The first year it received four hundred and eight different boys, gave six thousand eight hundred and seventy two Lodgings; and received from the boys three hundred and ninety-seven dollars and fifty-six cents.

The first beneficiary of the Street Boys' Home was a boy received by the present Superintendent on the twenty-first day of January, 1876, who had been sent to him by Officer Little of the Police Department, then in charge of the Soup House: clothes were given him, and a place procured for him on Olive street. Two others were also received before the Home was opened. One was sent to a place in the city, and the other to friends in Boston, Massachsuetts. On the 8th day of February, 1876 the premises since occupied by the Home were secured. and on the 26th day of the same month it was opened with a family of six boys. The Home has received during the year two hundred and eleven (211) different boys; has given five thousand six hundred and ninety-five (5695) lodgings, for which has been collected from the boys two hundred and eighteen dollars and fifty cents (\$218.50). Ten thousand two hundred and one (10201) meals have been given, for which three hundred

and sixty dollars and forty-five cents (\$360.45), has been received from the boys. These sums have been derived from the daily payments by the boys of the nominal charge of five cents for each meal, and five cents for lodging, which all who are able are required to pay.

The following table shows the aggregate number of lodgings furnished by the Home during the different months of the year:

March,	1876,	_		-		-		-		-		-		156
April,	66		-		-		-		-		-		-	185
May,	1 44 -	-		-		140		-		-		-		309
June,	66		-		-		-		-		-		-	347
July,	64	-		-		-		-		-		-		299
August,	44		-		-		-		-		-		-	268
September,	66	-		-		-		-		-		-		305
October.	6.6		-		-		~		-		-		-	413
November,	46	-		-		-		-		-		-		393
December,			_		-		4		-		-		~	439
January,	1877,	-		-		-		-		-		-		573
February,	44		-		,		-		-		-		-	623

In the New York "Lodging House" a bank was established, consisting of a table with an iron top, in which were compartments to receive the deposits; and a premium was given to the depositor saving the largest amount out of his earnings in a month. In the third year of this experiment, one hundred and sixteen boys used the bank, and saved in the aggregate two hundred and seventy dollars and seventy cents.

Our boys, nearly all of them, save more or less. Thirty-five have saved during the year, over three hundred dollars (\$300.); most of it has been deposited in the hands of friends, because the boys seem disinclined to deposit in the Saving Institutions, as they cannot draw

their money at will, whereas, when a friend holds the deposit, they can draw it in sums to suit their desires and necessities. It is a habit with the boys to deposit their daily surplus with the Superintendent, and draw the deposits on Saturday evening or Sunday, to purchase clothing, or "stock," or procure a "rattling" Sunday dinner. The Directors offer a percentage upon all deposits made with the Treasurer by the boys, with a view to encourage habits of saving and thrift among them; but thus far, the other method of deposit above mentioned seems the more popular. Of late several boys have opened accounts with the Provident Savings Institution.

'Another feature of our work has been that of securing for the boys places and permanent homes. In doing this, we have endeavored to inculcate the idea that the "Home" is but a temporary place of abode, a "helping hand" to assist them to help themselves.

Twenty two boys have been sent to situations in the city, and two of these are learning trades. Two have been sent to permanent homes in Arkansas, three to Texas, and one to Illinois. And we have three requests for boys on file; one from Iowa, one from Illinois, and one from this State. These are wanted for adoption, and of an age that renders it a difficult matter to meet the demand.

The inmates of Homes of this character, are as a general rule, composed of two classes. First, boys who are homeless, friendless orphans left to the tender mercies of a street life, and forming a character usually developed in such a school. Secondly, boys having dissipated fathers or mothers, step-fathers or

step-mothers, and who by the latter are thrust out from home to shift for themselves; and, an occasional class, run-aways from home.

During the year we have had the pleasure of returning six run-aways to their parents and relatives. Two were returned to Iowa, one to Texas, one to Kansas, one to Illinois, and one to Louisiana.

Of the two hundred and eleven boys received, there were.

									+10
Orphans, -		-		-		-	-	-	140
					-				53
Half Orphans,	-		15.						10
Having Parents,		-		-		-	**	-	18

They represented the following states and countries: England, Ireland, Germany, New York, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Louisiana, Indiana, Kentucky, Texas and California. Among them

Could read and write well,	-	-		-	-	100
Could not read,		-	-	-		11
Could read and write, -	-	-		-	-	63
Could read,		-	-			37

The sanitary condition of our City boys has been excellent. We have had fourteen cases of sickness, and all of the patients, with one exception, were from different parts of the country. Medical attendance was gratuitously given by Dr. R. A. Vaughn, and Medicines gratuitously furnished by Dr. I. H. Cadwallader, Messrs. T. & E. Catlin, City Dispensary, and the Superintendent. Eleven of these cases were Chills and Fever, and fever of a severe type. Two were cases of Pneumonia, and one of Croup. Though we could not provide Hospital accommodations, the sick ones received our sympathy and care, and under proper treatment

finally recovered their health. The average duration of time which the sick were under treatment was fourteen days. We have also had one case requiring surgical aid, which resulted favorably.

The criminal records of all countries furnish indisputable evidence, that ignorance is one of the forces that conduce to pauperism and crime. Realizing this fact, and that childhood is the seed time to prepare for future culture, we have endeavored to have evening schools for our family. On account of the want of the proper appliances, we have labored under difficulties and have accomplished but little in this direction What has been done however, has been largely through the kindness of R. H. Kern, Esq., who both last winter and this, has devoted one evening a week to teaching our boys. Within the last month this volunteer force has been increased by the addition of P. W. Fauntlerov. Esq., who has commenced a class in Reading, Spelling and Writing. These gentlemen make a sacrifice to attend this school, and by their zeal and devotion have earned the grateful thanks of all friends of the Institution. The boys are very eager to learn, are orderly. and there is no trouble in keeping their attention.

We have held spelling schools and contests; have had classes in writing, and have given instruction in various practical methods of business.

But however great our deficiencies are in the appliances and apparatus required for school work, our need of the necessary means for amusing and entertaining the boys is even greater. The low places of amusement which have ever been the snare of youth, will still lure our boys away, until we can offer counter attractions of equal if not greater power, at the Home

Knowing the proclivities of all boys, and especially of the class we have for "fun," we have endeavored to entertain and amuse them within the precincts of the Home, with the view of counteracting the vitiating influences outside, that might prove detrimental to their moral growth and health. But little progress however can be made in this direction, for want of appliances to carry out our aim; having no room suitable for the purpose, we have been unable to give home entertainments that would prove attractive to the boys. have had to rely mainly on checkers, dominoes, books. picture papers, story telling, and now and then an evening "frolic," in our presence and under our supervision. We need an organ, and a teacher of vocal music; a ovmnasium, to work off the overflow of youthful spirits. and a lecture room, where we could hold evening gatherings, and have entertainments of various kinds.

A Sunday service has been held every Sunday evening by Mr. Chas. E. Nicholls, a young gentleman fully qualified for the work. He has instructed the boys in singing, of which they are very fond. The exercises of this service consist of song, reciting the "Lord's Prayer" in concert, and the reading and exposition of a Bible story. Every member of the family is required to be present at these meetings.

In this brief report we have sought to present some of the more salient features of the Home, and an epitome of its work during its first year of life. The value of an institution of this kind in this city has been demonstrated by the results presented here. Its need and importance to the well being of this community will increase year by year in geometrical ratio. To the little waifs and outcasts whom it has gathered "as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings" who shall say how much it has been worth? The answer to that inquiry can be found only in the record of Him without whom "not a sparrow falleth to the ground." We have incidents, not a few, which if related here would touch the heart, and bring a sympathetic tear to the eye of every reader; for each one of the "little men of the street," who has been folded in this shelter has a history.

We rejoice in the success of our first year's endeavors, and look to the future with no misgivings; for we have a host of friends, who by donations of delicacies for our sick, clothing, food, bedding, money, time, care and love for these "least ones," have by these evidences shown their interest in the St. Louis Street Boys Home. We turn to each with a grateful heart, and offer the benediction of "Tiny Tim," "God bless us, every one."

Respectfully,

WM. ALLEN BACON,
Superintendent.

## TREASURER'S REPPRT.

St. Louis, March 1st, 1877.

#### STREET BOYS' HOME,

In account with Dwight Tredway, Treasurer.

#### DR.

Received during the year from Subscriptions and Donations as per Schedule }	\$	2,460	60
Received from Boys for meals and lodgings		591	25
	S	3,051	85

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Cash	Paid	for	Provisions and Groceries, \$	230	03	
55	44	66	House Supplies for Table,	371	54	
***		44	Labor, cook, washing etc.,	299	65	
44	44		Bread,	96	85	
44	44	.64	Milk,	80	65	
14.	45	.6.6	Coal,	71	52	
14	**	44	Gas	62	27	
- 41		6.6	Rent,	720	00	
Supt.	W. A	1. B	acon, Salary 1 yr. and 1 month,	770	00	
Cash	Paid	for	House furnishing,	246	06	
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DWIGHT TREDWAY.

Treasurer.

### DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

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# STREET BOYS' HOME,

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1877.

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Davis, J. T. 50	00												
Davis, S. C 50	00												
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#### DONATIONS OF CLOTHING, ETC.

From J. W. Goddard, two coal stoves, extension table, lot of illustrated papers, pictures, curtains and books: Mrs. Richards, carpet, pictures, books and papers; C. S. Udell, housekeeping goods; Simmons Hardware Co., lot of hardware; E. A. Filley, lot crockery; Tin Metal Manufacturing Co., lot of tinware; Jaceard & Co., one clock; Carlos S. Greelev. cook stove, desk, cushions, etc.; Geo. M. Jackson. best "Dowel" spring bed; Turkey Hill Coal Co., forty bushels of coal; J. McDonald, thirty-seven bushels of coal; Mrs. Dwight Tredway, lot of tea and table spoons; Campbell, Jones & Co., castor; Jacob Tamm & Co. lot wooden ware; C. W. Barstow, looking glass; Sandford G. Scarritt, one bedsted and mattress: Cole & Glass, lot of lumber; Rodney D. Wells, lot of crockery; Ladies of "Flower Mission," lot of plants in pots; a young lad from Pilgrim Church Sunday School, geranium in pot; T. L. Luthens, through M. N. Burchard, "Illustrated London News" and "New York Graphic;" M. V. B. Wisker, atlas and maps; F. H. Ludington, picture, lounge, table and chairs; Mrs. W. B. May, books and papers, ; Mrs. W. O. Gibson, papers, books; Ladies of "Flower Mission," lot of books and papers; Friends of "Pilgrim Church," lot of papers, books and pamphlets; Baptist Publication Society, motto, papers and books; Chas. C. Fuller, extension table, Ladies sewing Society of the Church of the Messiah, forty-four sheets, thirty-two pillow cases, thirty shirts, and twelve towels; Mrs. Theoline

P. Richards, twelve pairs pillow cases, four roller towels, dish towels, etc; Mrs. John Tilden, fourteen boys shirts, and a lot of clothing; Mrs. Blair 2737 Chestunt St., lot sheets and clothing; Mrs. W. M. Page, comfortables and bed spreads, from the little girls of the "Industrial Mission" school; Mrs. Finley, comfortables, and spreads from the girls of Industrial Mission school of "Third Baptist" Church; Mrs. T. P. Holden. bed-spreads from the Girls Industrial Mission School of Mozart Hall; Mrs. Brock, bed-spreads from the little girls of Compton Hill; Mrs. Herman Townsend, bed spreads: material contributed by ladies of Compton Hill; Mrs. Allen, 2645 Washington Avenue, clothing, shoes, socks, cte: Mrs. L. Levering, socks, clothing, etc.; Mrs. J. J. Matthews, socks, mittens; Mrs. Evans, 1526 Olive St., lot of clothing; Mrs. Clark, from Girls Industrial Home, comfortables, shirts, etc.; Mrs. M. I. Savitz. clothing, boots, etc.; Mrs. Herman Townsend, three boys coats: Mrs. D. B. Gale, twelve sheets, eight pillow slips; Mrs. Goff, 611 N. 24th St., sixteen pairs of socks; Mrs. W. O. Gibson, lot of clothing; Mrs. S. D. Glover, eight pairs socks; Mrs. Cabot, 2113 Pine St... clothing; Mrs. Wainwright, 1121 Morison Ave., eight comfortables; J. H. Crane, Clothing; Mrs. Rombaur. 1026 Hickory St., clothing, papers, etc.; Mrs. Wagner, clothing, books and papers; Mrs. Thompson, suit of boys' clothing, hats and shoes; Mrs. Chas. Hewes. socks, pants, comfortable, etc.; Mrs Bingham, 1221 Pine St., comforters, clothing, and papers; Mrs. C. Hewes, clothing, seven pairs of socks, and comfortable: Unknown, several packages of clothing, boots and shoes; Mrs. James Smith, 1615 Olive St., four vol. Knickerbocker Magazine; friends from Alton, papers. etc. : Unknown, several packages of books and papers : R. P. Studley & Co., printing; Little & Becker, print-

Valuable services of the following ladies and gentlemen in two concerts, at the Church of the Messiah;

Mrs. Helen Ames Billings, Mrs. Frank A. Peebles, Miss Minnie Curtis, Miss Julia Breckendorf, Rev. John Snyder, Messrs D. F. Colville, A. D. Cunningham, P. H. Cronin, L. A. Estes, Charles C. Allen, E. A. Becker, F. A. Robyn, St. Louis Mercantile Co., and Stahl & Fisher; Trustees of the Church of the Messiah, for the use of the church; Mr. Rushton, for services at concerts at the Church of the Messiah.

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S OFFERINGS.

Mrs. R. T. Sanders, jelly, fruit; Mrs. W. O. Gibson, fruit, cake and flowers; Miss Gibson, Washington pie; Mrs. T. T. Richards, wristers, mittens and oranges: Mrs. Colwell, and Mrs. Street, nuts, cake, fruit; Mrs. Fraser, cake, apples, canned fruit; Mrs. Wagner, cake, pie, canned fruit; Mrs. Evens, cake, pie, etc.; Peter Oakes, twenty-five pounds of candy; Jos. Garneau & Co., box of cakes and crackers; Mrs. M. J. Savitz. nuts, apples etc.; Perrys Pie Co., lot of pies; Planters House, vegetables; W. O. Gibson, dried fruit; Y. D. Budd, one turkey; J. S. Garland, one turkey, Unknown, various packages of cake, nuts, candy and apples, handkerchiefs, wristers, socks and mittens; Jas. M. Franciscus, \$5.00; Mrs. T. T. Richards, \$1.00; Mrs. J. J. Matthews, \$ .50; Two little boys from Kirkwood, \$2.00; Mrs. James Worthington, \$2.00.

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